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CRIME IN ANIMALS.

KILL, STEAL AND BREAK THEIR OWN LAWS.

Criminals in a Human Sense—A Female Stork and Her Lover Murdered the Farmer's Husband While at His Daily Labor.

ANIMALS

commit crime is the contention of Mr. William Ferrero, a distinguished exponent of psychology and the theory of evolution. He also maintains the general proposition that everything one meets with in communities formed by man is also to be found on a smaller scale and in rough outlines among the animal species.

Cases of theft are recorded among bees. Buchner in his "Psychic Life of Animals" speaks of thievish bees, which, in order to save themselves the trouble of working, attack well-stocked hives in masses, kill the sentinels and the inhabitants, rob the hives and carry off the provisions. After repeated enterprises of this description they acquire a taste for robbery and violence and form companies of brigand bees.

Sparrows have a habit of stealing swallows' nests. The swallows occasionally retaliate. In one case they have been known to do so by killing the young of the sparrows. Some pigeons steal straw and other building materials from dove cotes. The thieving pigeons have been observed to be shiftless birds, bad flyers and carriers. They showed the principal characteristic of human thieves—disinclination to work.

Cases of theft have at times been remarked among female dogs, but such cases are almost always influenced by maternal love. Certain dogs which, when in a normal condition, are very well behaved and respect their masters' property, begin to steal when they have puppies, and they steal anything that the latter will eat.

Nor is murder wanting among animals; that is to say, not murder such as is caused by the exigencies of the struggle for life; but murder committed under the influence of individual malice or passion. It would be absurd to declare that the hawk which kills a swallow is a criminal, for he is only fighting out his struggle for existence; but, on the other hand, animals which kill others of their own species are guilty of a true criminal act when they do so for any other reason than that of self-defense.

Thus, Karl Vogt, the celebrated German naturalist, has observed a couple of storks that had for several years built their nest in a village near Sallette. One day it was noticed that, when the male was out in search of food, another younger bird began to court the female. At first he was repulsed, then tolerated and welcomed; at last, one morning, the two birds flew away to the field where the husband was hunting for frogs and killed him. According to Brehm, storks often murder the members of the flock which either refuse to follow them at the time of migration or are not able to do so.

Crimes caused by mental alienation or by some psychic troubles are also to be found among the more intelligent species—crimes very much resembling those caused by madness in man. Thus, among elephants there are instances in which individuals are seized with a desire to kill other elephants and men without provocation, whereas, normally, the elephant has an extremely meek and peaceable character. The natives of India call these elephants hora, and their morbid state of mind is attributed to the solitude in which they live.

DINING WITH THE PRINCE.

What People May Expect Who Receive an Invitation to His Table.

The prince of Wales' dinner begins punctually at 8:45 p. m., and lasts an hour and ten minutes. Rapid service is a household law, and is quite necessary as the menu is rather extended, though not ostentatiously elaborate. Four or five waiters only are allowed to enter the dining hall. The kitchen is, of course, at some distance, but for the sake of dispatch a serving-room adjoins the dining-hall, and here a little army of assistants supplies the waiters at an instant's notice. Soft, low music is played during the entire hour. The menu card is almost severe in its plainness, having simply a narrow gold border, surmounted by the royal crest, and is always printed in French. The courses are arranged in first and second service. In each course an alternation of china and silver plates is strictly observed; for instance, turtle soup in silver plates and bisque in china plates. For the first course a fillet of tout artistically garnished, upon an oval entree dish of silver, and sole with rich "sauce" on a china plate, guests being given choice of either fish. "Cotillettes de volailles" and "chaud froites" follow; and then comes haunches of venison on large silver dishes, and saddles of mutton, also on silver. The meats are all previously carved in the serving room. Dainty desserts conclude the bountiful repast.

One-Armed Woman Tennis Champion.

The woman tennis champion of New Zealand is one-armed. She is Miss Hilda Maule Hitchings. Her arm is the left one. In three fingers she holds the racket, and between the remaining finger and the thumb she grasps the ball. A slight toss of the ball, followed by a smart rap of the racket, results in a fast, low service, which is anything but easy to take. Besides her ability at tennis the New Zealand champion is noted for her dexterity in everything she undertakes, and especially with her needle.

Slang Dictionaries.

The time is plenty of dictionaries of French slang in existence, in which a slang word is explained in good French and the first dictionary in which the slang equivalents for good French words are given is to be published in Paris. It is needed apparently by the writers of stories.

Faith.

The time has come when a man must be ready to show reasons for the faith that is in him if he expects others to accept it.—Rev. Dr. MacAfee

MEALS IN TIN CANS.

COURSE DINNER IN CANNED FOODS.

No Besieged City Need Starve—Paris Has Stored Enormous Quantities of Them, Enough to Feed the City Eighteen Months.

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greatest terror of war, a starving garrison and a starving town, surrounded by a hostile camp, yet able to see far-off fields of grain and plenty, could not be repeated in this age of canned goods, meats, vegetables, puddings and fruits, all incased in tiny jars or boxes of tin.

It used to be easy to beleaguer a city and starve it into submission with hardly an ounce of shot, for it was a foregone conclusion that if all avenues of food supply were shut off only a few weeks would elapse before both garrison and citizens would have capitulated, though they might eat ratflesh and horseflesh first. But now, so cleverly are provisions compressed and packed away into tins, and so long will even the foods that most usually spoil quickly keep—for years in most cases—that no city or town could be starved out if it only had a chance to provision itself properly.

The city of Paris has stored away hundreds of thousands of packages containing canned and compressed food enough to supply the entire population for at least eighteen months. This outfit of canned food is not permitted to be touched, though at times it is tested to see that it still remains unspoiled.

Other cities in Europe have built up stores along much the same lines, though Paris has by far the most important assortment of canned food held in reserve. Outside of these preparations the manufacture of canned articles has grown to be something enormous, especially in meats and vegetables. In many cases the canned goods seem to be actually preferred to the original products. Nearly every wise housekeeper nowadays emulates Paris in a small way, for she keeps on her shelves any number of these little boxes and thus finds herself always ready for any emergency should company suddenly drop in or the butcher or grocer fail to turn up.

It is really surprising the variety of things to eat that are put into cans. As a matter of fact one can live, and live comfortably, on canned foods alone. "I can stock your house," said a big wholesale grocer to a World reporter, "so that you need not make another purchase of food for five years, and you shall have every day a perfect dinner of soup and fish, entrees, roasts, fruits, pudding, cheese and coffee, all canned goods."

Canned goods, though, have proved themselves of the greatest value to travelers from the fact that an enormous amount of nourishment can be carried in an exceedingly small compass. The Arctic explorers first found out the value of canned meats and vegetables, and in this way were able to travel with less hardship and to do things which would have been impossible had it been necessary for them to depend upon food in its original form.

When the Greeley expedition went away in 1881 a large quantity of pemmican was put on board. A large part of it was not consumed on the trip, and on the return of the explorers it was sent back to the firm from which it was bought. When the Peary expedition was being fitted out ten years later and the same firm was doing the providing, they opened sample cases of this pemmican and found it to be in as good condition as if fresh made. So it was sent out with Peary, and on that explorer's return to New York what was left proved to be as good and as nourishing as it had been in 1881.

No expedition of recent date has plunged into the Dark Continent without being well equipped with tin boxes of all sizes and varieties. It is said that there is no desert plateau in any part of the earth where one is not liable to run across an empty beef can. Transatlantic steamers and sailing ships about to start out on long voyages use these goods in great quantities because they keep so well and because they can be stored so easily. When prepared by a skillful cook it is impossible for the diner to distinguish between fresh meats and vegetables and those that are canned.

Education.

I believe it incumbent upon the citizens of the Twentieth century never to rest till congress shall enact laws compelling every child for seven years to be educated at state expense, and at the public schools and nowhere else.—Rev. Claude Roboteau.

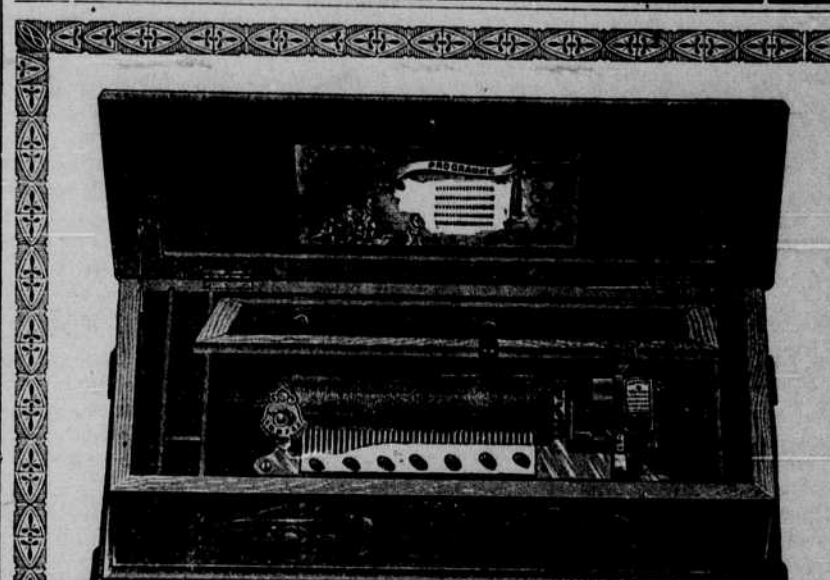
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